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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STUDENTS' STATEMENT

REF: DAR 2397

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT NO EMBASSY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE
PRESENT AT RELEAS STUDENTS' MEETING WITH PRESS.

2. STUDENTS' STATEMENT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN TO
VOA FOR BROADCAST. WE KNOW VOA DOES NOT REACH PRP, BUT
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IT DOES REACH KINSHASA, WHERE IT COULD CREATE UNNECESSARY

COMPLICATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO HAVE STUDENTS REVISE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THEIR STATEMENT TO PRP TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE, UNTIL NOW, ALL FOUR OF US WHO WERE KIDNAPPED WERE DEVELOPING CONSIDERABLE RESPECT FOR YOU AS MEN OF YOUR WORD. WE HAD HOPED TO DESCRIBE THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR MOVEMENT TO OTHERS SO THAT THEY WILL BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD. BUT WHEN STEVE WAS NOT RELEASED WITH US LAST SATURDAY WE BEGAN TO HAVE DOUBTS, AND WITH EACH PASSING DAY THAT HE STILL IS NOT RETURNED OUR DOUBTS AND CONCERNS ARE INCREASING DID YOU MISLEAD US AS TO YOUR SINCERITY? WERE YOUR CONTINUED REFERENCES TO HONOR AND DISCIPLINE MERELY PROPAGANDA? WE HOPED THAT THE FAILURE TO RELEASE STEVE ON JULY 2,

AS PROMISED, IS MERELY AN ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY. BUT UNLESS STEVE IS RELEASED VERY SOON, YOUR IMAGE IN OUR EYES AND IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD CANNOT HELP BUT SUFFER.
UNQUOTE. SISCO

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